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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the answer given by the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue, may we, the representatives of Chingleput district in this House, request him to pay a visit to Chingleput and see whether hundreds of unemployed people are not starving to death? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Is it the idea of hon. Members that the entire population should be maintained on gruel centres? "

Constitution of ' blocks ' under the National Extension Service.

* 332 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many ' blocks ' under the National Extension Service have been constituted or are proposed to be constituted in the State; and

(*b*) what are the functions of these blocks?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The National Extension Service has been launched in 28 Blocks in the Madras State during the current financial year. About 70 more Blocks will be formed during the next two years.

" (*b*) The Blocks aim at an integrated treatment of rural life and problems designed to increase food production, improve communications and marketing, tackle disease and illiteracy and train villagers in handicrafts essential to village life."

9–20 a.m. SRI A. RATNAM :—" நேஷனல் எக்ஸ்டென்ஷன் சர்விஸ்வேலைகள் எந்தந்த இடங்களில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கின்றன ? இவ்வகையில் அந்த இலாகா மக்களுக்கு பயன்படுகிறதா ? இதற்கு ஆரம்பத்தில் உத்தேச செலவு எவ்வளவு ?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, former firka development areas in each district have been taken up this year under the National Extension Scheme with one exception in Salem district where two new firkas have been added. I have already said the object of the National Extension Scheme is to improve the standard of living of the people in the villages by particularly attending to intense agricultural production and also attending to other amenities. The approximate cost of working a National Extension Block is Rs. 7·5 lakhs for three years. Out of this the recurring expenditure will be Rs. 1·5 lakhs and non-recurring expenditure Rs. 2 lakhs. Out of Rs. 7·5 lakhs, 4 lakhs would be distributed to ryots by way of loans."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Is there any proposal under the scheme to open a co-operative farm in any of our districts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. We have been considering a proposal to start a co-operative farm in each of these blocks."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" இந்த இலாக்காக்களில் எத்தனை அதிகாரிகள் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்? அவர்களில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் எவ்வளவு பேர்? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" One Block Development Officer has been appointed to be in charge of each block and there are various officers working under him. Regarding the representation of various communities, I would like to have notice."

Recruitment of members belonging to Scheduled Castes to the posts of Deputy Collector and Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 333 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of seats reserved for the members of Scheduled Castes in the recent selections for Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police for which examinations were held during October 1952 and interviews took place in February 1953;

(*b*) whether these posts were given to the members of the Scheduled Castes; and

(*c*) whether any Christian candidates applied for the reserved seats producing certificates of reconversion to Hinduism and whether any such candidate was appointed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

" (*a*) *Deputy Collectors*—' one '.

Deputy Superintendent of Police—' two '.

" (*b*) *Deputy Collectors.*—The Madras Public Service Commission has selected a candidate belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for appointment as Deputy Collector. As the candidate is an Andhra and as the question of his appointment is one for consideration by the Government of Andhra, the papers relating to his appointment have been transferred to the Government of Andhra for suitable action.

Deputy Superintendents of Police.—The Madras Public Service Commission selected two candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for appointment as Deputy Superintendents of Police. Of the two, one is an Andhra and the papers relating to his appointment as Deputy Superintendent of Police have been transferred to the Government of Andhra, because the question of appointment is now one for the Government of Andhra to consider. The question of appointing the other candidate in this State is under consideration.

" (*c*) *Deputy Collectors.*—' No '.

Deputy Superintendents of Police.—Of the two vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, one was reserved for a Telugu knowing candidate. The candidate selected against this vacancy produced a certificate